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Sponsor Congregations

The following churches have been helpg home mission congregations in varyg amounts for many years:

Altoona, Pa., First,
Helton Parish, Virginia.
Harrisburg, Pa., Memorial:
Patience, Alberta.
Hummelstown, Pa., Zion:
Westlock Parish, Alberta.
Lititz, Pa., St. Paul's: Christ,
San Diego, California.
Brooklyn, N. Y., Redeemer: Creston—
Camp Lister, B. C.
Richmond Hill, N. Y., St. John's:
Timmins—So. Porcupine, Ontario.
Milwaukee, Wis., Redeemer:
Waldheim, Alberta.
Mansfield, Ohio, First:
Thorsby Parish, Alberta.
Richmond, Va., First:
Mountain Missionary, Virginia.

These have become full sponsor congegations by assuming $1,000 or more 1954 for specific home mission fields:

Sacramento, Cal., St. John's
Mission not yet assigned
Glendale, Cal., First
Mission not yet assigned
Long Beach, Cal., Trinity
Mission not yet assigned
Fresno, Cal., First,
Mission not yet assigned
Pasadena, Cal., Trinity
Mission not yet assigned
Carlisle, Pa., St. Paul's
Mission not yet assigned
Kitchener, Ont., St. Peter's
Peterboro, Ont., mission
Harrisburg, Pa., Zion (2)
Faith, Yuma, Arizona
St. Andrew's Homestead, Fla.
Savannah, Ga., Ascension
St. Mark's, Huntsville, Ala.
St. Petersburg, Fla., Trinity
N.W. area, St. Petersburg
Fort Wayne, Ind., Holy Trinity
Alcoa-Maryville, Tenn.
Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.
Mission not yet assigned
Hagerstown, Md., Trinity
Mission not yet assigned
Silver Spring, Md., St. Luke's (1½)
Resurrection, Wheaton, Md.
Hope, College Park, Md.
Detroit, Mich., Hope
Livonia, Mich.
Milwaukee, Wis., Lake Park
Atonement, Minneapolis, Minn.
Milwaukee, Wis., Pentecost
Americus, Georgia
Minneapolis, Richfield
Billings, Mont., Bethlehem
Akron, Ohio, Trinity
Mt. Olivet, Lakewood, Cal.
Toledo, Ohio, Augsburg
Missions not yet assigned (5)
Toledo, Ohio, Glendale
Missions not yet assigned (3)
Salem, Oregon, St. Mark's
Mission not yet assigned
Erie, Pa., Luther Memorial
Jacksonville, Fla., new field
Denver, Colo., St. Paul's
Pocatello, Ida., Good Shepherd
Texas Synod
Houston, proposed field
Texas Synod
Houston, Tex., So. Main area
Arlington, Va., Resurrection
Advent, Arlington, (½)
Christ, Fairfax, Va. (½)
Knoxville, Tenn., St. John's
Knoxville, Bearden area
Norfolk, Va., First
Norfolk, Lansdale Field
Winchester, Va., Grace
Hampton, Va., St. Paul's
An individual
Clearwater, Florida.

These will contribute, aiming at $1,000 in 1954:

Bellefonte, Pa., St. John's
Charlottesville, Va., St. Mark's
Milwaukee, Wis., Resurrection
St. Paul, Minn., Mound's View
Lorain, Ohio, First
Portland, Ore., St. Andrew's

These have accepted half sponsorships by promising $500 in 1954:

Phoenix, Ariz., Faith
Mission not yet assigned
San Diego, Christ,
Sudbury, Ont., St. Matthew's
Menasha, Wis., St. Timothy
Mission not yet assigned
Akron, Ohio, St. Paul's
Cincinnati, Roselawn
Hagerstown, Md., St. John's,
New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Fox Point, Milwaukee has begun on a sliding scale looking to full sponsorship in 1956, but its mission has not yet been assigned.

The total prospective income assured from the new sponsorship program thus far is more than $40,000, a big encouragement toward entering new fields.

President Foelsch of Pacific seminary (and of the Board) announces that missionaries attending the summer graduate program of the seminary will be excused to attend the Board's training institute at Clear Lake, Cal., July 20 - 23.

New Unit At Kaimuki

Board Missionary Fraklin P. Swanson at sign announcing new church-school-chapel just completed in suburban Honolulu, dedicated January 24, 1924. St. Paul's congregation was organized in 1950 after five months of development by Board Missionary Everett Jensen. It now has 55 communing members and a popular day school. Missionary Swanson takes his furlough this summer.

Churches Dedicated

Unfortunately the Board offices keep no official record of the dedications of churches they have helped finance. For information concerning these important occasions **Ecclesia Plantanda** must depend upon its editor's alertness in catching items from the quarterly reports, local or synodical bulletins, or programs that some missionaries are thoughtful enough to send him. The following, not previously reported, have come to his attention. It is due to his oversight that dates are not complete. He promises to try to be more systematic in this respect!

Trinity, Fort Erie, Ontario, Jan 14, 1953; Pastor Henry F. Nuhn.

Honolulu, Honolulu, Hawaii; Pastor Glen O. Balsley.

Culver City, Cal., Grace; Pastor Wm. H. Blough.

Clarendon Hills, Ill., Dec. 20, 1953; Pastor Norman J. Thalman.

Congregations New in 1953

California Synod:
- Concord, Good Shepherd; W. W. Stremel 72
- Downey, Christ; N. O. Jensen 106
- Norco, Bethany; B. Ederma 63
- No. Long Beach, St. Matthew's; J. A. Youngquist 51
- Orinda, Shepherd of the Valley; E. Andersen 75
- Sacramento, Our Redeemer; G. E. Steffens 56
- Santa Cruz, St. Stephen's; C. A. Endter 63
- Yuma, Ariz., Faith; S. Olson 69

Canada Synod:
- Oakville, Ont., Grace; R. N. Grosz 84

Florida Synod:
- Homestead, St. Andrew's; J. D. Sheppard 83

Georgia Alabama Synod:
- Americus, Ga., St. Paul's; R. J. Crouse 52
- Augusta, Ga., Ascension; J. C. Dickert 69
- Montgomery, Ala., Our Redeemer; J. R. Boggs 72

Illinois Synod:
- Lombard, Holy Trinity; C. K. Proefrock 74

Indiana Synod:
- Fort Wayne, St. Matthew's; D. E. Tyson 131
- South Bend, Bethany; G. W. Schuette 54

Iowa Synod:
- Davenport, St. Matthew's; W. F. Furman 72
- Eldridge, Christ; C. H. Berhenke 234

Kansas Synod:
- Raytown, Mo., Blue Ridge; E. J. Hirsch 61

Kentucky Tennessee Synod:
- Cold Spring, Ky., St. Luke's; D. B. Werts 65
- Shively, St. Paul's; H. J. Andres 66

Maryland Synod:
- Baltimore, Gethsemane; J. W. Eastlack 91
- Baltimore, St. Andrew's; P. F. Luebbe 65
- Hagerstown, Christ; F. P. Cauble 160

Michigan Synod:
- Grand Rapids, Latvian; Janis Lazda 147
- Muskegon, St. Luke's; E. Jury 61

Nebraska Synod:
- Valley, St. Mark's; L. Mortensen 62

New Jersey Synod:
- Lakewood-New Brunswick, Latvian Z. Kristbergs 221
- New Milford, Gloria Dei; C. W. Sugg 92

New York Synod:
- Grand Island, St. Timothy's; H. A. Lenhardt 80
- New York Polish; T. Bartnicki 59
- Rochester, Cross; T. R. Ziraks 120
- Sidney, St. Luke's; M. Jaenicke 51
- Syracuse, Christ; T. R. Ziraks 146

North Carolina Synod:
- Longview, Messiah; C. R. Patterson 78

Northwest Synod:
- Baraboo, Wis., St. Paul's; A. J. Henderson 90
- Madison, Wis., St. Stephen's; W. H. Nelson 158
- Minot, N. D., Mt. Olivet; L. Franke 56

Ohio Synod:
- Cincinnati, Good Shepherd; R. F. Berger 68
- Dayton, Messiah; H. L. Figley 71
- Toledo, Ascension; A. Youngblood 53
- Wilmington, Faith; W. S. Pittenger 59

Pacific Synod:
- McMinnville, Ore., Trinity; M. Getzendaner 55
- Portland, Holy Trinity; M. R. Anderson 56
- Portland, St. Andrew's; D. A. Clinton 56
- Seattle, Prince of Peace; R. O. Luke 65
- Sunnyside, Wash., Our Saviour; E. Nygaard 61

Pennsylvania Ministerium:
- Allentown, St. Timothy; B. R. Stauffer 102
- Feasterville, St. Stephen's;
- Levittown, Christ; C. E. Fair 280
- Newark, Del., St. Paul's; H. S. Hugus 113

Pittsburgh Synod:
- McKeesport, Calvary; Wm. Steiner 70
- Industry, Ohio View; J. R. Houser 101
- Pittsburgh, Prince of Peace; T. L. Guinn 54

South Carolina Synod:
- Beaufort, St. John's; J. L. Satterwhite 52
- Lancaster, Reformation; J. S. Moose 54
- Sullivan's Island, St. Mark's; W. J. Roof 57

Texas Synod:
- Dallas, Good Shepherd; C. J. Deithloff 52
- Fort Worth, St. Matthew's; N. P. Forde 53

Virginia Synod:
- Charlottesville; St. Mark's; J. Byerly 70
- Fairfax, Christ; H. E. Pfeifer 54
- Hampton, St. Paul's; M. P. Lane 56
- Norfolk, St. John's; C. J. Martin 57

Wartburg Synod:
- Delavan, Wis., Luther Memorial; H. Rowoldt 62
- Joliet, Ill., Faith; G. G. Lippoldt 82

Western Canada Synod:
- Winnipeg, St. Lukes; G. E. Weise 57

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Eggerstedt Now Member

Mr. Fred. C. Eggerstedt, who has acted as treasurer for two years, was elected as a member of the Board of American Missions by the Executive Board of the Church at its January meeting. Mr. Eggerstedt was recommended as assistant treasurer when about to retire as a vice president of Chase National bank two years ago by the Board's veteran treasurer Mr. S. Frederick Telleen. He was duly elected to the office, and has gradually taken over more and more of Mr. Telleen's work as the latter's visits to the office became less frequent, due to failing health. He also followed Mr. Telleen's faithful steps by accepting the treasurership of the National Lutheran Council, and now do what would be two ordinary n time jobs. When a vacancy arose membership, Mr. Eggerstedt was nominated, and the Executive the Church unanimously elected

Enter New State

For the first time in its hist United Lutheran Church in Am establishing a congregation in New shire.

The Rev. Frederic J. Teichmann of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, J N. Y. has accepted a call from th of American Missions to begin Littleton. He will move about Ma the northcentral New Hampshire town, whose permanent popula 4,200 swells to 10,000 in the months.

With this addition, the 2,087,94 ber ULCA will have congregatio states of the Union, besides seven an provinces. It has churches Alaska and Hawaii.

Other Lutheran Church bodie congregations in three other New shire cities: Manchester, Conco Berlin.

Pastor Teichmann is a native York City, son of the Rev. Freder Teichmann of West Hartford, Co 26-year-old clergyman is a grad Trinity College, Hartford, and th eran Theological Seminary at Phila He has been serving the Jamaica since his ordination in 1952.

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Here We Go Again!

The organization of new congre continues. The following are repo ready in 1954:

Long Beach, Calif., Mt. Olivet, by Board Missionary Jas. A. You with 51 charter members.

Orlando, Fla., St. John's, Jan. Board Missionary Wm. C. Schaeff 226.

Hamilton, Ont., Transfiguratio 17, Board Missionary A. J. Datars

College Park, Ga., Good Shephe 17, Missionary T. O. Snelling, 80.

Center Grange, Pa., Faith, Jan dent LeRoy J. Dobbe, 66.

Decatur, Ga., Feb. 7, Board Mi Vance M. Daniel.

Jacksonville, Fla., St. James, Board Missionary Paul W. Schro

Frederick, Md., Feb. 14, Board ary Carroll L. Boyer.

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Pastor Fred E. Ringham, Jr., that Good Shepherd, Southampt ranked 2nd in 1952 in the synod centage of apportionment paid with By the end of the third quarer in congregation had already overp quota by $300. The pastor believes congregation's rapid growth is made such percentages possible, are looking forward to the real of the grace system which the s adopted for 1954.

ebruary Board Meeting

iration marked the meeting of the of American Missions at Atlantic ebruary 9-11. Thanksgiving to the and His Church for the liberal al- ns made in January, for the op- ities in the open home mission fields, r the number of young men gradu- from the theological seminaries in was the theme of the devotions and rations at all the sessions. President h keyed the spirit throughout his t of the meetings, and the divine of the work was highlighted in the ses made by Pastors Kahlenberg ruchses at the worship services. A l paper by the Rev. Alfred Schroder John's church, The Bronx, chal- l home missionary thought by stress- e special needs of Christlike attitudes l the people in the interracial and ed sections of the great cities. He from experience in a church which ccessfully changed its program to all people in its neighborhood er Anglo-saxon, Puerto Rican or

en the executive secretary reported ll experienced on January 28 when uded the assistant treasurer checks more than half a million dollars, of relief was heard from the board ers. That seemed to remove the fears he open fields could not be entered 54. The money was received from mptroller of the ULCA representing l share of apportionment for Jan- plus the special gifts forwarded by nods, the quarterly payment from the en's Missionary society, and the al- ons voted by the Executive commit- e previous day from Part II of the A's 1953 budgeted income. The is share of the budget for 1954 (Part s been upped from $1,469,100 in 1953 206,500 in 1954, so the January por- was the largest ever received from ource. The allocated figure was $289,- 7.

is allocation was in response to a re- from the board for some $388,000 upon actual needs for maintaining in 1954 equivalent to that originally uled for 1953. The items granted $74,000 for the opening of 37 new , $84,000 for aiding seven congrega- recently given mission status, and 535 for Church Extension. The first were granted in full, the last was derably short of the amount needed; n view of the total amount available rt II the Allocations commission and utive board had shown sincere con- for this Board's problems. This the d realised and remembered the devo- of the million and more of people in churches who had given to make this h possible.

t the exultation was soon dampened he thorough analysis of the Board's needs made by its comptroller. It was ted out that to maintain the new work dy undertaken since the requests to Allocations commission were formu- lated (12 new fields entered since the December meeting), and to assure continuing support thru 1955, based on that year's budget plus the prospective income from sponsoring congregations, the whole sum of new money for new work would barely provide for the men recommended for call at this meeting. A similar situation affects Church Extension.

On the other hand sixty six approved fields awaited workers, plus 8 more proposed for approval at this meeting and five congregations seeking mission status. Seminary men about to graduate are available for many of them. This to the Board seemed a clear indication that it must not be deterred by an uncertain future. It decided to walk as it had the light, and forthwith voted calls to 28 men, two of them for work already on the budget, and the other 26 to develop new fields. Sixteen of them are to seminarians. The fields are scattered in 17 synods and 20 states and provinces.

In Church Extension it voted appropriations for a larger total than at any previous single meeting: $604,344. This is to help provide 29 parsonages, 10 plots of ground, 11 church units, 11 house chapels, and includes $3,094 incentive grants. The Board is firm in the conviction that those who give to benevolence want it to be put to work as promptly as possible wherever a spiritual need exists. It has faith that when future needs arise the Lord will activate givers to provide also for them.

Other problems too were faced decisively. It voted to take advantage of the willingness of two Philadelphia banks to increase the credit to mission congregations for short term loans which the Board would guarantee, to facilitate construction or purchase programs. By requiring only 20% collateral instead of 25% at present they will increase the limit of such credit from $1,600,000 to $2,000,000. Then the Board proceeded to vote guarantees up to the full limit, thus hastening new church housing for several mission congregations now meeting in inadequate quarters.

It passed a resolution promising to place any future permanent funds that it could not use in its mission and church extension program in the new Common Investing Fund of the U.L.C.A. It learned that the securities it has placed with that fund at the beginning of the year and which it had carried at a book value of some $50,000 were valued by the new Fund at some $80,000, thus enhancing three funds of the Board by $30,000. These are from legacies, the principal of which must be kept intact.

The Board also provided for a second mortgage loan to help a new assistant staff secretary it has called to secure housing.

All but five of the members were present. Three of the absentees were prevented from coming by sickness. Resolutions of greeting and encouragement were sent to Mr. Telleen, Dr. James C. Kinard, and Dr. James P. Beasom.

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Board-Aided California Church

Grace Church, Richmond, California, given mission status in 1951 built this Spanish type church with Church Extension help last year. The Rev. Milus Bonker, pastor, also served Peace church of Harbor Gate, and guided it into a merger with St. James in a new location, bringing both to self-support.

Everett Mitchell Resigns

Mr. Everett Mitchell, the well known Farm and Home Hour radio M.C. who daily extolls Chicago weather, was a valued member of the Board of American Missions. He contributed much to the subcommittees, especially to that on Promotion, besides conducting several inspiring devotions at Board meetings. He tendered his resignation in December, due to the increasing pressure upon his strength by radio and television activities, coupled with the many demands upon him because of his steadfast devotion to spiritual and moral forces. The Board accepted his resignation with deep regret, and appreciation for his services as a member.

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St. Timothy, Mansfield, Ohio, paid $1,000 ahead of schedule on its church extension loan for parsonage. The Rev. S. P. Wise is the missionary pastor.

Prayer in Pastoral Calling

A summary of two papers presented by the Rev. Kenneth Ferguson and Mr. Darnley Petersen, respectively, and the general discussion of the Virgin Islands Conference, September 14, 1953.

It is to re-establish and/or to confirm the basic fellowship between individual persons and their Heavenly Father that pastoral calling is directed. The pastor's short visit is not a social call. It is an activity which brings the Church into the home. For that reason prayer ought to be an integral part of pastoral calling. It is an opportunity to ask a blessing upon the home, and to ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit that the faith might be reaffirmed in a particular family circle. Further, it can serve as an incentive to personal devotion and family prayer . . . two activities which are rapidly becoming vestigial in an alarming number of homes.

Prayer ought to be offered in a home only after the persons being visited have been brought into a receptive mood. Demanding prayer tactlessly can often be more embarrassing than exhilarating. This seeking after the creation of such a receptive mood can be made part of the real purpose of the pastoral visit. It is not always necessary to interrupt or pull the visited person away from some task he is performing. Very frequently such activity may provide an adequate setting to prove the relevance of God to daily living. Sometimes the pastor arrives at a home during the time when a household is upset, children pestering mother, and neighbors are popping in and out. To attempt meaningful prayer amidst such confusion may prove the pastor of less tactful insight than if he make his stay short, display a cheery mood over the liveliness of the children, remind the parishioner of some approaching event in the church and bid good-day.

Prayer can be striven for as part of the goal of every pastoral call. Yet immediate circumstances will dictate procedure in every instance. The activity of prayer in regular pastoral calling is a powerful means of drawing people closer to their God and to their Church.

P. William Schubert,
Moderator

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Beg Your Pardon!

Among the congregations that were listed in the January issue as attaining complete self support thru final payment of church extension loans, the name of Trinity, Niles, Ohio was omitted. Its pastor is the Rev. P. A. R. Antilla, whose name was placed opposite the congregation at Middleton, Ohio, at the time without a pastor.

The announcement of organization at Tullahoma, Tenn., was premature. It is planned for some time in 1954.

Apologies also for the awful misplacement of the heading "Wholly Self-Supporting." Evidently the editor's markings on the final page proof were not clear to the printer. Hope no one was misled!

Seal of New Synod

The seal adopted by the Caribbean synod indicates the nature of its geography by appropriate symbols flanking those it has in common spiritually with its sisters in the ULCA.

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Science Item

Student Edward W. Amend, who is serving his clinical year in Puerto Rico, reports that weekly services in English are continuing in Rio Piedras. During August the number at services was standing still at 15 and 16 but in September the attendance increased more and more until recently 37 persons attended. Pastor Molina is assisting Student Amend in a survey in and around Rio Piedras. Mr. Amend in his quarterly report states: "It is rather difficult to search out Americans who would want services in English from among all the Spanish-speaking Puerto Ricans. However screens (window-type) have been of great assistance to us. Puerto Ricans believe that screens hold out the breeze and suffocate those in the house. But the 'locos Americanos' prefer the heat to mosquitoes; and since they are not used to mosquito nets, they use screens. Pastor Molina and I go through a neighborhood; where we find the screens, there are the Americans."

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Mr. Telleen Honored

Mr. S. Frederick Telleen of Ridgewood, N. J., treasurer of the Board was presented with a special illuminated scroll, honoring his "meritorious service and devotion to the work of the Church" by the Lutheran Society, an intersynodical organization of laymen and pastors in the New York area. The group is dedicated to promoting Lutheran Church cooperation and mutual assistance, and to encouragement and support of recognized Lutheran charities and worthy Lutheran causes.

The citation reads as follows:

"In recognition of his long years of faithful and devoted service to the cause of Christ his Lord and his beloved Lutheran Church;

"His interest as a member for over forty years in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Advent, serving as Vestryman and Chairman of the Board;

"His service as Treasurer of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church of America, Treasurer of the National Lutheran Council, Treasurer of the International Missionary Council, Delegate to the Lutheran World Federation, member of the Board of Ma the New York Bible Society, M the Lutheran Society, and man and commissions of his Church b

"His humble faith in God an energy for good, which have won the love and respect of his fellow

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Missions Call Organi

The following home mission c tions have attained the strengt their own pastors (all were Bo sionaries except Synod Missionar son):

South Bend, Ind., Bethany; Schuette, effective Jan. 1.

Baltimore, Md., St. Andrew Frank Luebbe, Jan. 1.

Long View, N. Car., Messia Patterson, Jan. 1.

Toledo, O., Ascension; A. G. blood, Jan. 1.

McKeesport, Pa., Calvary; Steiner, Jan. 1.

Levittown, Pa., Christ; Chas. January 1.

Fort Worth, Tex., N. P. Forde thew's; January 1.

New Brunswick and Lakewo Latvian; Zanis Kristbergs, Jan. 1

Oakville, Ont., Grace; Roy Feb. 1.

Pleasant Hills, Pa., Prince of L. Guinn, Feb. 1.

Gifts to Missions

Hope church, Detroit, one o sponsor congregations for home pledged this $1000 in the face o to raise $40,000 for much needed of its church facilities. The R Steele is the pastor.

First, Norfolk, not only tran adult members to the new St. J sion, Norfolk, but gave $3000 to property. Pastor Strickler is ch the synod's home mission comm

St. Paul's, Hamilton, Ont., hel of godspeed to dismiss 23 mem new mission being organized on ilton. The Rev. Fred C. Mue Paul's pastor.

St. Matthew's of Fort Way relatively new mission, contribu the new Bethany church, India the latter's organization day.

A congregation of the Amer eran Church in Charleston, W. a mimeograph machine to Gra St. Albans, Va.

Hebron church, Madison, V the oldest churches in the U $116 toward the new mission at ville.

Trinity of Newport News, missed 39 members to help o Paul's, Hampton.

Good Shepherd Church, M non, N. Y., offers a marble f mission congregation that m Contact the Rev. W. C. J. W Sidney Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.